

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2-4, 18-20, 30-32, and 40 as set forth below.

Complete Listing of the Claims

Upon entry of the present amendment, the claims will stand as follows. The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, ~~comprising~~ containing one of said emollients.
3. (Currently amended) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, ~~comprising~~ containing two of said emollients.
4. (Currently amended) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, ~~comprising~~ containing all three of said emollients.
5. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, wherein said humectant comprises urea.
6. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, wherein said humectant comprises ammonium lactate.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, further comprising water.
9. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, in a form selected from the group consisting of lotions, creams, ointments, emulsions, suspensions, ointments and gels.
10. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, further comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of antioxidants, chelants, emulsifiers, thickeners, and pH adjustment agents.

11. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, having a pH in a range of from about 4 to about 10.
12. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, having a pH in a range of from about 7 to about 10.
13. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, having a pH in a range of from about 7.5 to about 9.
14. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition, comprising the following components in the following respective concentration ranges:

Component	Concentration Range, Weight %
Urea	1% - 50%
Butylated Hydroxytoluene	0.05% - 0.5%
Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea Butter) Fruit	0.5% - 10%
Disodium EDTA	0.05% - 0.3%
Glyceryl Stearate	2.0% - 10.0%
Glycine Soja (Soybean) Sterol	1.0% - 4.0%
Helianthus Annuus (Hybrid Sunflower) Oil	2.0% - 15%
Sodium Polyacrylate	0.1% - 1.5%

wherein weight % is based on the total weight of the composition.

15. (Original) A dermatological composition according to claim 14, wherein the concentration of urea is in a range of from about 5 to about 40 weight %.
16. (Original) A dermatological composition according to claim 14, wherein the concentration of urea is in a range of from about 21 to about 40 weight %.
17. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition comprising the following components in the following respective concentration ranges:

Component	Concentration Range, Weight %
Ammonium lactate/lactic acid	1% - 15%
Butylated Hydroxytoluene	0.05% - 0.5%
Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea Butter) Fruit	0.5% - 10%
Disodium EDTA	0.05% - 0.3%
Glyceryl Stearate	2.0% - 10.0%
Glycine Soja (Soybean) Sterol	1.0% - 4.0%
Helianthus Annuus (Hybrid Sunflower) Oil	2.0% - 15%
Sodium Polyacrylate	0.1% - 1.5%
Stearic Acid	3.0% - 8.0%
Triethanolamine	0.25% - 2.5%

wherein weight % is based on the total weight of the composition.

18. (Currently amended) A dermatological composition ~~according to claim 40~~, comprising a humectant including at least one of urea and ammonium lactate and at least one emollient selected from the group consisting of Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea butter) fruit, glycine soja (soybean) sterol and Helianthus Annuus (hybrid sunflower) oil, ~~comprising~~ wherein the composition comprises the following components in the following respective concentrations:

Component	Weight %
Urea	40
Water	39.10
Disodium EDTA	0.10
Sodium polyacrylate	0.60
Stearic Acid	4.0
Glyceryl stearate	3.0
Soy Sterol	2.0

Sunflower oil	8.0
Shea Butter	2.0
Triethanolamine	1.0
BHT	0.2

wherein weight % is based on the total weight of the composition and wherein said dermatological composition is free of parabens.

19. (Currently amended) A dermatological composition ~~according to claim 40~~, comprising a humectant including at least one of urea and ammonium lactate and at least one emollient selected from the group consisting of Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea butter) fruit, glycine soja (soybean) sterol and Helianthus Annuus (hybrid sunflower) oil, ~~comprising~~ wherein the composition comprises the following components in the following respective concentrations:

Component	Weight %
Urea	40
Water	36.7
Disodium EDTA	0.10
Sodium polyacrylate	1.0
Stearic Acid	4.0
Glyceryl stearate	3.0
Soy Sterol	2.0
Sunflower oil	10.0
Shea Butter	2.0
Triethanolamine	1.0
BHT	0.2

wherein weight % is based on the total weight of the composition and wherein said dermatological composition is free of parabens.

20. (Currently amended) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of from about 5 to about 40 percent by weight urea, from about 2 to about

10 percent by weight Shea butter, from about 1 to about 4 percent by weight glycine soja (soybean sterol), from about 2 to about 15 percent by weight Helianthus Annuus (hybrid sunflower) oil, and the balance being dermatologically acceptable excipients, wherein percent by weight is based on the total weight of the composition.

21. (Original) The composition of claim 20, further comprising between about 2 to about 10 percent by weight of an emulsifier, based on the total weight of the composition.

22. (Original) The composition of claim 20, wherein the emulsifier includes glyceryl stearate or a dermatologically acceptable stearate derivative.

23. (Original) The composition of claim 20, wherein the emulsifier includes stearic acid or a dermatologically acceptable salt thereof.

24. (Original) The composition of claim 20, further comprising from about 0.1 to about 1.5 percent by weight of a thickener, based on the total weight of the composition.

25. (Original) The composition of claim 24, wherein the thickener includes sodium polyacrylate.

26. (Original) The composition of claim 20, further comprising a pH adjusting agent.

27. (Original) The composition of claim 20, in the form of a lotion.

28. (Original) The composition of claim 20, in the form of a cream.

29. (Original) The composition of claim 20, further comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of enzymes, anti-inflammatory agents, and antimicrobial agents.

30. (Currently amended) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, comprising consisting essentially of:

- (a) from about 1 to about 50 percent by weight urea;
- (b) from about 2 to about 10 percent by weight Shea butter;
- (c) from about 1 to about 4 percent by weight glycine soja (soybean) sterol;

- (d) from about 2 to about 15 percent by weight of *Helinthus annuus* (hybrid sunflower) oil;
- (e) from about 2 to about 10 percent by weight of an emulsifier;
- (f) from about 0.1 to about 1.5 percent by weight of a thickener; and
- (g) optionally, a pH adjusting agent, a chelating agent, an antioxidant, a preservative, water or a combination of water and a water-miscible solvent, or other dermatologically acceptable components, and/or mixtures thereof;

with the percentages by weight of all ingredients totaling to 100 weight percent.

31. (Currently amended) A dermatological composition according to claim 40, comprising consisting essentially of:

- (a) from about 2 to about 15 percent ammonium lactate;
- (b) from about 2 and 10 percent by weight Shea butter;
- (c) from about 1 and 4 percent by weight glycine soja (soybean) sterol;
- (d) from about 2 to about 15 percent by weight of *Helinthus annuus* (hybrid sunflower) oil;
- (e) from about 2 to about 10 percent by weight of an emulsifier;
- (f) from about 0.1 to about 1.5 percent by weight of a thickener; and
- (g) optionally, a pH adjusting agent, a chelating agent, a preservative, an antioxidant, a preservative, water or a combination of water and a water-miscible solvent, or other dermatologically acceptable components, and/or mixtures thereof;

with the percentages by weight of all ingredients totaling to 100 weight percent.

32. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition comprising a humectant including at least one of urea and ammonium lactate, and an emollient including at least one species selected from each of the following groups (i), (ii) and (iii): (i) Shea butter, cocoa butter, or vegetable oil butter; (ii) plant-derived steroid alcohol and/or lecithin; and (iii) oxidation-stable natural oil, and wherein said dermatological composition is free of parabens.

33. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 32, comprising urea, and (i) Shea or cocoa butter, (ii) glycine soja (soybean) sterol and (iii) Helianthus Annuus (hybrid sunflower) oil.

34. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 32, comprising ammonium lactate, and at least one of (i) Shea or cocoa butter, (ii) glycine soja (soybean) sterol and (iii) Helianthus Annuus (hybrid sunflower) oil.

35. (Previously presented) A method of treating skin, tissue or nails, comprising application thereto of a composition as claimed in claim 40.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, comprising cosmetic treatment.

37. (Original) The method of claim 35, comprising debriding skin, softening tissue, or softening nails.

38. (Original) The method of claim 35, comprising therapeutic treatment.

39. (Original) The method of claim 35, comprising treating skin for a condition selected from the group consisting of psoriasis, xerosis, ichthyosis, keratosis, keratoderma, dermatitis, pruritis, eczema, and calluses.

40. (Currently amended) A dermatological composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a humectant including at least one of urea and ammonium lactate and at least one emollient selected from the group consisting of Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea butter) fruit, glycine soja (soybean) sterol and Helianthus Annuus (hybrid sunflower) oil, and wherein said dermatological composition is free of parabens.

41. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition consisting essentially of a humectant including at least one of urea, ammonium lactate, and glycerin, and at least one emollient selected from the group consisting of Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea butter) fruit, glycine soja (soybean) sterol and Helianthus Annuus (hybrid sunflower) oil, and wherein said dermatological composition is free of parabens.

42. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition consisting of a humectant including at least one of urea, ammonium lactate, and glycerin, and at least one emollient selected from the

group consisting of Butyrospermum Parkii (Shea butter) fruit, glycine soja (soybean) sterol and Helianthus Annuus (hybrid sunflower) oil.

43. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 41, further comprising water.

44. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 41, in a form selected from the group consisting of lotions, creams, ointments, emulsions, suspensions, ointments and gels.

45. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 41, further comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of antioxidants, chelants, emulsifiers, thickeners, and pH adjustment agents.

46. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 41, having a pH in a range of from about 4 to about 10.

47. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 41, having a pH in a range of from about 7 to about 10.

48. (Previously presented) A dermatological composition according to claim 41, having a pH in a range of from about 7.5 to about 9.

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